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MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Mission C156C, 16 August 1966, flew over Hainan island and portions of the Liuchou Peninsula covering 77 targets of interest including 16 COMOR targets (see table 2). The Chinese Communist

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the mission aircraft. (See figure 1 opposite for mission route.)

At least four hostile fighters were scrambled from Lingshui airfield on Hainan in reaction to the mission aircraft, but apparently no intercepts were attempted. The mission aircraft was recalled after passing over Hainan [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND

25X1A Mission C156C departed [REDACTED] at 0140Z on 16 August 1966 for Hainan island, Ping Hsiang, Ning Ming, and Nanning. Due to sus-

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the mission aircraft was recalled after passing over Hainan and recovered [REDACTED] Photography and Elint were obtained of some targets on Hainan. Weather over Hainan was reported as Category II (scattered) and Category III (broken) cloud coverage.

ANALYTICAL FINDINGS

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Preliminary analysis of the mission shows that 77 targets, including 16 on the COMOR list (see table 2), were photographed. These targets included 7 airfields, 14 naval facilities, 9 radar sites, 20 military installations, and 27 industrial areas.

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TABLE 2

COMOR TARGETS

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Target Description

CHIA LAI SHIH airfield

HAI KOU naval base

SUI CHI suspect SAM site

SUI CHI airfield

FORT BAYARD airfield

LING SHUI airfield

HAI KOU airfield

WEI CHOU ISLAND suspect shipyard

CHING LAN MTB

WAN NING port facilities

CHAN CHIANG naval base

LUNG TANG army barracks

KUAN HU military area

HAI KOU army supply depot

HAI KOU complex

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